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FOLLOWING REPEAT PARIS 29531 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN, BRUSSELS,
LONDON, KINSHASA, ABIDJAN, DAKAR, RABAT, LIBREVILLE, LOME DATED
SEPT 9, 1978.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 29531

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SUBJ: PARIS MEETING ON AFRICAN FORCES IN SHABA

REF: STATE 218255

1. WE MET SEPTEMBER 6 WITH QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN
CHARGE OF CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS (CABANA) TO
DISCUSS PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING ON AFRICAN FORCES
IN SHABA. CABANA INFORMED US THAT AS FAR AS QUAI
CONCERNED MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED ON
SEPTEMBER 18. GERMANS REMAIN RETICENT, BUT QUAI
IMPRESSION IS THAT THIS HESITATION DERIVES SOLELY
FROM CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE PUBLICITY. CABANA
SAID QUAI SEES NO REASON WHY ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIALITY
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OF THE MEETING CANNOT BE PRESERVED SINCE ALL OF THE
PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THE US, ARE OF THE SAME MIND.
(CABANA RETURNED TO THE THEME OF CONFIDENTIALITY ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING.)

2. CABANA GAVE US FRENCH DRAFT OF AGENDA FOR THE
MEETING WHICH SHE SAID INCLUDED THOSE SUGGESTIONS

WHICH WE HAD MADE TO GEORGY. TEXT OF DRAFT AGENDA
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

(1) BALANCE SHEET OF MEASURES TAKEN BY
PRESIDENT MOBUTU FOLLOWING THE DEMARCHES OF THE
FIVE:

A. ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL:

--RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA (OAU COMMISSION).

--RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA.

--RELATIONS WITH TANZANIA.

B. ON THE INTERIOR LEVEL:

--MEASURES AIMED AT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION

(AMNESTY, ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE DIVERSE ETHNIC GROUPS).

--INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS (DECONCENTRATION OF
EXECUTIVE POWER, REGIONAL PARTICIPATION).

(2) THE SITUATION IN SHABA:

A. EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION FROM THE SECURITY
ANGLE.

B. THE AFRICAN FORCE.

--LOGISTIC AND COORDINATION PROBLEMS.

--PROBABLE DURATION FOR MAINTAINING THE AFRICAN
FORCE.

C. A VIEW OF THE REORGANIZATION OF THE FAZ.

(3) PROBLEMS POSED BY ANGOLAN AND ZAIRIAN
REFUGEES.

A. ROLE OF COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZA-
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TIONS.

B. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ENVISAGED FOR
REINSTALLATION OF REFUGEES.

(4) ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION:

A. RESULTS OF THE JUNE MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

--ELABORATION OF A TRIMESTER BUDGET FOR UTILI-
ZATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

--ARRIVAL OF IMF EXPERTS.

B. FORTHCOMING OCTOBER 12-13 BRUSSELS MEETING.

C. PROBLEMS POSED BY THE REOPENING OF THE
BENGUELA RAILRAD. END QUOTE.

3. CONCERNING GERMAN REPRESENTATION, SUBSEQUENT TO
OUR MEETING WITH CABANA WE HAD A CALL FROM THE GERMAN
EMBASSY INFORMING US THAT GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THE
MEETING IS STILL UP IN THE AIR. GERMAN EMBASSY HAS
BEEN ON THE PHONE WITH BONN AND WAS INFORMED THAT
DECISION ON PARTICIPATION WILL BE MADE "AT A VERY
HIGH LEVEL" AFTER DRAFT AGENDA HAS BEEN STUDIED.
(GERMAN EMBASSY HAS APPOINTMENT AT THE QUAI TOMORROW
AND WILL RECEIVE AGENDA THEN.) GERMAN EMBASSY CON-
FIRMED THAT FEAR OF PUBLICITY IS THE MAIN CAUSE OF

GERMAN RELUCTANCE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

4. CABANA SAID THAT QUESTION OF CONSULTING WITH AFRICAN PARTICIPATING STATES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING HAD BEEN DEBATED WITHIN THE QUAI AND CONCLUSION REACHED THAT THIS WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE AS THIS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY LEAD TO COMPROMISE OF CONFIDENTIALITY. CABANA SAID QUESTION OF HOW TO CONSULT WITH AFRICANS WAS A PROPER SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING AND QUAI BELIEVED NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE IN THIS REGARD BEFORE THEN.

5. MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE AT FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFERENCE CENTER (SITE OF JUNE 5 MEETING) COMMENCING
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AT 10:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 18. LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONFERENCE SITE FOLLOWED BY AN AFTERNOON SESSION. FRENCH PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE: GUY GEORGY, DIRECTOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, HEAD OF THE DELEGATION. MARIE-CLAUDE CABANA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICA. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. CABANA ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE NAMES AND TITLES OF OUR DELEGATION ASAP. WE HAVE ALREADY INFORMED THE QUAI THAT US DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY LANNON WALKER AND TOTAL MAXIMUM OF FIVE PEOPLE, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL STATE REP, NSC REP, DOD REP, AND EMBASSY REP.

6. COMMENT: FROM OUR CONVERSATION TODAY, IT APPEARS THE FRENCH ARE DEVELOPING SOME ENTHUSIASM FOR THE MEETING AND BELIEVE THEY CAN CARRY THE RELUCTANT GERMANS AND BRITISH ALONG. PREMATURE PUBLICITY, HOWEVER, COULD STILL TORPEDO THE MEETING AS THE FRENCH ARE NO MORE EAGER THAN THE GERMANS AND BRITISH (AND US) TO FACE RENEWED CHARGES OF COOKING UP SCHEMES FOR AFRICA.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM US IF AGENDA ACCEPTABLE AS PROPOSED AND NAMES OF US DELEGATION AS SOON AS KNOWN. WE HAVE MADE TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS FOR THE DELEGATION AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL.
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